



PUT GOD FIRST
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THERE'S SO MUCH MORE TO LIFE

KEY SCRIPTURE

DEUTERONOMY 4:37-40

God brought you out of Egypt with a great display of power. He drove out nations far greater than you, so he could bring you in and give you their land as a special possession. So remember this and keep it firmly in your mind: The Lord is God and there is no other. Keep his commands which I'm giving you today, so that it may go well with you and your children, and that you will enjoy a long life in the land the Lord your God is giving you for all time.

MATTHEW 22:37-39

"Love the Lord your God with all your heart and soul and mind, and love your neighbor as you love yourself."

PROVERBS 3:9

Honor the Lord by giving him the first part of your income.

MATTHEW 6:21

For where your treasure is, that's where your heart is.

PROVERBS 12:26

A righteous person is cautious in his friendships.

EPHESIANS 5:16

Make the most of your time because the days are evil.

PSALM 50:15

Call on me in the day of trouble, and I will deliver you.

NOTES



DISCUSSION GUIDE

In Deuteronomy, Moses explains the 10 Commandments as the foundation for all of life. He says, “These commands are necessary to thrive. Follow them so that it’ll go well with you.” Do you want the best life advice? Start with the 10 Commandments.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. Read **Matthew 22:36-38**. How is your current relationship with God impacting the quality of your relationships with other people?
2. The first thing God asks of his people is: “Have no other gods before me.” Take a look at your priorities—is there anything taking a more prominent place in your life than your relationship with God?
3. There are many priorities that vie for our primary attention. Think about your finances, interests, relationships, and schedule. What areas need to change to make God first in your life? What steps can you take to make those changes?
4. Pastor Bob said, “The hope of the church starts with us as Christian parents, singles and young people.” How well do we reflect a “God first” lifestyle to those around us? How can we live in a way that shines the love and light of Christ to our family, friends, co-workers and neighbors?

JOIN THE CONVERSATION

What steps have you taken to make God #1 in your life? Tweet or Instagram about it with **#LiveWell**.

COMMIT TO MEMORY

Jesus replied, “Love the Lord your God with all your heart and soul and mind, and love your neighbor as you love yourself.” **Matthew 22:37-39**